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THE PRESIDENT'S DAILY BRIEF

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1. USSR

Personnel changes approved [redacted] 50X1
 [redacted] by the party Central Committee 50X1
 strengthen Brezhnev's grip on the
 leadership, but show that Podgorny also
 remains powerful. Details and further
 discussion are at Annex 1. [redacted] 50X1
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2. Congo

[redacted] 50X1
 [redacted] 50X1
 The rebel leaders in Stanleyville, [redacted] 50X1
 [redacted] are 50X1
 making strenuous efforts to get more
 arms and ammunition [redacted] 50X1
 [redacted] (See map) 50X1
3. Tanzania

[redacted] 50X1
4. Communist China - Tanzania

A Chinese Communist ship carrying
 arms, allegedly for the Tanzanian forces,
 [redacted] 50X1
5. Cambodia

After threatening last weekend
 to break relations with the US, Sihanouk
 has once again sheered off.
6. Laos

Heavy truck traffic continues from
 North Vietnam to the Plaine des Jarres.
 A new Communist offensive to erase re-
 cent government gains could be in the
 making, and pressure toward Tha Thom
 is already being felt. There are fresh
 coup rumors in Vientiane [redacted] 50X1
 [redacted] (See map) 50X1
7. Communist China

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 [redacted] 50X1

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8. South Vietnam

The High National Council is still badgering Huong about the make-up of his cabinet and has formed a committee of review. Buddhist leader Thich Tam Chau is also planning further pressure.

9. Sino-Soviet



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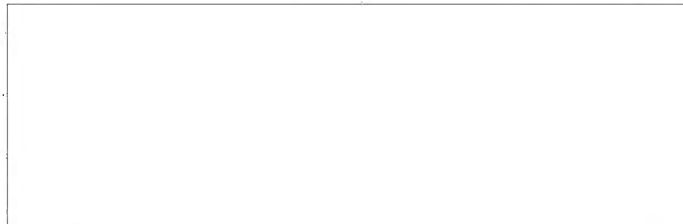
10. USSR

The Soviets carried out another underground nuclear test



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11. MLF



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12. Malaysia

The Labor government has authorized use of artillery and mortars in limited retaliatory operations against the Indonesians in Borneo.



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ANNEX 1

The Soviet Party Leadership Changes

Shelepin



Shelest



In the first high-level post-Khrushchev personnel changes by the Central Committee, Aleksandr Shelepin, a close friend of Brezhnev, and Petr Shelest, a protégé of Presidium member Nikolay Podgorny, were promoted to the Presidium.

Shelepin became a party secretary in 1961, after a three-year tour as chief of the KGB. During the past two years he has also been a deputy premier and chairman of the Party-State Control Committee, which is responsible for ferreting out and punishing mismanagement at all levels in the economy. Although he was undoubtedly Khrushchev's personal choice for these jobs, his promotions may have been influenced by Brezhnev, who was party secretary for military and police affairs during 1956-60.

Shelepin and Brezhnev are close friends and that Shelepin has been concerned to protect his relationship with the new leader.

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Petr Shelest, who has been first secretary of the Ukrainian party since July 1963, was named a candidate member of the Presidium last December. A trained engineer and specialist in industrial management, he has made his career almost exclusively in the Ukrainian party apparatus which was for years Khrushchev's political stronghold. After several years of service in the Kharkov and Kiev party organizations, he became a Ukrainian party secretary in 1962. He has no known ties to any members of the top leadership except possibly Podgorny. He was Podgorny's deputy on the Ukrainian secretariat and took the latter's place as party boss in the republic when Podgorny was transferred to the national party secretariat in Moscow last year.

In other changes, Demichev, another Brezhnev crony, became an alternate Presidium member. Koslov and Khrushchev's agricultural adviser Polyakov were dropped, and Adzhubey was expelled from the Central Committee.

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In addition to the personnel changes, the Central Committee decided to reverse Khrushchev's drastic 1962 action to divide the party into two virtually separate organizations, one for agriculture and one for industry. As was the case in 1962 when this scheme was put into effect, the reversal will itself probably breed severe dislocation.

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